November 27, 1963
2:22 p.m.

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL (not known whether to or from)

ACP Hello, Mr. President

LBJ How are you getting along?

ACP Oh, wonderful, wonderful.

LBJ Appreciate your calling George Reedy.

ACP Well, I think it is very important and I think we can get it out because the only stumbling block is Mr. Hill. ..only stumbling block.

LBJ Whats he holding it up for?

ACP Oh, he's ...mainly, he's made with Edith Green. And I just had a conference with Morse and Jennie Zendorf..and Goldwater is willing to go along too...everybody is willing except Mr. Hill.

LBJ Is that the College Aid?

ACP Well College Aid is already to be called upon the floor by Mike..Mike could have done it three weeks ago..we finished that...this is vocational education...impacted area and amendments to NBA..about $4 billion..

LBJ Well, where is that....

ACP The House has finished with it..the Senate has finished with it and now it is in conference ..and..for four weeks...Mr. Hill has refused to compromise..he wants his way or nothing.

LBJ What is HIS way?

ACP His way is the Senate ..which is much different than the House..it is much more money and it takes the old allotment formula which would decrease states like California and New York by $4 million a year..and increase states like his by $800,000 or $900,000...what I'm willing to do is to meet him half way. Let New York lose $2 million, California $2 million, instead of $4 million and let Alabama gain $400,000 instead of $800,000.

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LBJ Well, I'll see if Mike can talk to him and do something about it add I sure think it would be best for us to bring up education bill...as soon as we can...

ACP Well, I'm ready at 9:30 Monday morning ...

LBJ Your vocational-education bill still in the House?

ACP I passed them all out.. All passed..all through the House

LBJ All through the House?

ACP All finished...and Higher education is ready to come up on the floor of the Senate now. We finished that in conference..but Mike hasn't called it up.

LBJ You saw what I said about him today.

ACP I know it I know it...wonderful

LBJ I pointed him out. Did I do all right? On Civil rights?

ACP My friend, I just finished with CBS and it was unequivocally the finest ...it was more than I hoped for and it was the finest that anyone could say..foresight...you were really wonderful..at your best today ..actually superb. I don't know when you get the time to do it though?

LBJ Well I had 24 minutes and 34 applauses..you all were generous...

ACP I'm sure you had good ghost writers but brother that was Lyndon Baines Johnson...that wasn't any ghost writer...that speech was absolutely magnificent.

LBJ Well thank you Adam..I'll get in touch with this and I'll be back in touch ...

ACP Now I want to get in touch with you about Politics...not too early.

LBJ O.K. We will.

ACP You know what I'm talking about.

LBJ OK. We will. Bye

ACP Bye

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S NOTES ON CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL NOVEMBER 27, 1963

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They then discussed upcoming legislation and the President thanked the Congressman for calling George Reedy.

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